GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA <u>ABSTRACT</u>

Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 106 ha of forest land for up gradation and improvement of Mahadevpur-Muknoor-Kanakanoor- Kataram (MMKK) road from 13/5 to 90/5 (53 Km) falling in forest land and total 77 Km) in favour of Superintendant Engineer, R&B Circle, Karimnagar (East) division – Final (**Stage.II**) approval accorded – Orders – issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 51 Dated: 08-08-2016 Read the following:-

1. From PCCF, AP, Hyd., Lr.No.12355/2006-F1, Dt:2-1-2007.

- 2. State Govt. Lr. No.227/For.I (1)/2007-1, dt. 24-01-2007.
- 3. From GOI, MoEF, New Delhi, Lr.No.8-29/2007-FC, Dt: 26-08-2008.
- 4. From PCCF, AP, Hyd., Lr.No.12355/2006-F3, dt: 16-05-2013.
- 5. State Govt. Lr.No. 227/For.I (1)/2007, dt. 05-12-2013.
- From GoI, MoEF & CC, Chennai, F.No.8-29/2007-FC/1345, Dt.28-06-2016.

ORDER:

In his letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad has submitted a proposal for diversion of 106 ha of forest land in Karimnagar (East) division for improvement of Road to Mahadevpur – Muknoor – Kanakanoor - Kataram from 13/5 to 90/5 kms (53 Kms falling in forest land & totally 77 Kms) of Mahadevpur–Muknoor-Kanakanoor- Kataram (MMKK) road, in favour of Superintendent Engineer, R&B Circle, Karimnagar.

- 2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal in para-1 above was forwarded to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi for according necessary approval under section -2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980.
- 3. In their letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, New Delhi have agreed **in-principle (Stage-I)** for the proposal, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.
- 4. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by Government of India, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above to the Ministry of Environment & Forests for according necessary approval.
- 5. In their letter 6th read above, Government of India have conveyed Central Government's approval (Stage.II) for the proposal in para 1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.
- 6. Accordingly, Government hereby accord final (Stage-II) approval for diversion of 106 ha of forest land for up gradation and improvement of Mahadevpur Muknoor Kanakanoor Kataram (MMKK) road from 13/5 to 90/5 (53 Kms falling in forest land and total 77 Km) in favour of Superintendent Engineer, R&B Circle in Karimnagar East Division, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered with DGPS readings at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.
- (iii) The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over 106.00 ha identified non forest land in Sy. No.679 & 1210 in Bommareddypally & Kakikanapaly villages of Dharmaram Mandal of Karimnagar (West) Division at the cost of User Agency.
- (iv) Identified non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as PF / RF under Indian Forest Act, 1927 or State Forest Act and Nodal Officer (FCA) shall report the compliance within 6 months.
- (v) State Government shall not change the location of CA land and CA scheme without prior approval of the Central Government.
- (vi) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency.
- (vii) The strip plantation on sides and centre /verge of the MMKK road shall be raised and maintained at the cost of the project by the User Agency under the supervision of the State Forest Department.
- (viii) The User Agency either shall not collect any toll tax from the Forest Department vehicles or provide free access to the vehicles of the Forest Department for their unhindered movement for the forest protection.
- (ix) No work camps to be established in the forest area and fuel for cooking etc., should be provided by the User Agency, so that there is no felling of trees.
- (x) The width of the road should be kept as minimum as possible and efforts should be made to fully utilized the existing road width to avoid / reduce tree felling as much as possible.
- (xi) The User Agency shall make adequate design provisions to facilitate free movement of wildlife across the road, in consultation with the State Forest Department.
- (xii) The designing of culverts / bridges, if any, over the natural streams / rivers / canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not cause water logging and also does not hamper movement of wild animals.
- (xiii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.

- (xiv) The Forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sub lease to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of Central Government.
- (xv) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 106.00 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.
- (xvi) User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- (xvii) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF(Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency.
- (xviii) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.
- 7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

B.R. MEENA PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

Τo

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

- The Director General, Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi 110 003.
- The Addl. Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (C), Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office (South Eastern Zone), 1st & 2nd floor, HEPC Building, No.34, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai 600034.
- The Chief Executive Officer, Ad-hoc (CAMPA), $4^{\rm th}$ floor, Block No.3, CGO Complex, New Delhi 110 003
- The Superintendent Engineer, R&B Circle, Karimnagar East Division (User Agency).

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//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//